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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(E) IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN
A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Dear Sir:

A Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a NonProvisional Application was mail on July 22, 2004 (a copy of which is attached hereto). The Notice indicates that "Figure 5 described in the specification" appears to have been omitted from the application.

MPEP §601.01(g) provides, in pertinent part:

The mailing of a "Notice of Omitted Item(s)" will permit the applicant to either: (1) promptly establish prior receipt in the USPTO of the drawing(s) at issue (generally by way of a date-stamped postcard receipt (MPEP §503)); ... An applicant asserting that the drawing(s) were in fact deposited with the USPTO with the application papers must, within 2 months

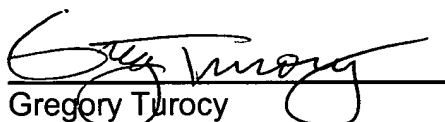
from the date of the "notice of Omitted Item(s)," file a petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e) with the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h), along with evidence of such deposit (37 CFR 1.181(f)). The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the drawing(s) was in fact received by the USPTO with the application papers deposited on filing.

In response to the Notice, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(e), Applicants' representative submits the date-stamped postcard receipt from the USPTO indicating that "26 Sheets of Drawings" were received by the USPTO. A courtesy copy of 26 Sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-26) are attached as a courtesy to the Examiner.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the petition fee of \$130.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. 50-1063. Applicants' representative further respectfully requests that the petition fee be refunded in light of the foregoing.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge them to the above-noted Deposit Account number.

Respectfully submitted,
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